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January 20, 2023

Mr. William Bates
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Bates:

This letter is in response to EPA Administrator Regan's letter of January 18, 2023, requesting a letter of intent to affirm Alabama's participation in the grant program to defray expenses related to the establishment and operation of a Class VI UIC program for the geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide.

By this letter, I am affirming Alabama's interest in the program and its intent to participate. During Alabama's 2022 Regular Legislative Session, the Alabama Legislature passed Senate Bill 36 designating the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama (OGB) as the agency with regulatory authority over geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide, and I signed that Bill into law as Act Number 2022-40. Therefore, OGB will be the agency to administer the Class VI program in Alabama.

The primary point of contact will be Dr. Berry H. (Nick) Tew, Alabama State Geologist and Oil and Gas Supervisor and Director of the Geological Survey of Alabama and the State Oil and Gas Board. He can be reached by email at ntew@gsa.state.al.us or by telephone at (205) 247-3679.

We look forward to participating in this important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "K" and "I".

Kay Ivey
Governor

CC: Dr. Nick Tew, State Geologist and Oil and Gas Supervisor